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Applicant:	MIYAHARA	Examiner:	Unknown
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Title:	CONNECTOR SYSTEM FOR STERILE CONNECTION		

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Dear Sir:

With regard to the above-identified application, the items of information listed on the enclosed Form 1449 are brought to the attention of the Examiner.

This statement should be considered because it is submitted before the mailing date of a first Office Action on-the-merits. Accordingly, no fee is due for consideration of the items listed on the enclosed Form 1449.

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.98(a)(2), a copy of each document or other information listed on the enclosed Form 1449 is provided.

No representation is made that a reference is "prior art" within the meaning of 35 U.S.C. §§ 102 and 103 and Applicants reserve the right, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.131 or otherwise, to establish that the reference(s) are not "prior art." Moreover, Applicants do not represent that a reference has been thoroughly reviewed or that any relevance of any portion of a reference is intended.

Consideration of the items listed is respectfully requested. Pursuant to the provisions of M.P.E.P. 609, it is requested that the Examiner return a copy of the attached Form 1449, marked


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Please charge any additional fees or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 13-2725.

Respectfully submitted,

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U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS						
EXAMINER INITIAL	DOCUMENT NO.	DATE	NAME	CLASS	SUBCLASS	FILING DATE IF APPROPRIATE
	3,986,508	October, 1976	Barrington			
	4,511,359	April, 1985	Vaillancourt			
	5,334,188	August, 1994	Inoue, et al.			
	5,423,775	June, 1995	Cannon			

FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS							
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OTHER DOCUMENTS (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)		

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